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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Am I to understand that admissions are open throughout the year, and if so, I would like to know how the new students are able to get along with the old students ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—" Instruction is imparted to each student, and not as a class."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Does not the course of lectures begin at a fixed time ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—" The answer given to Mr. Ranganatha Mudaliyar will hold good."

Sriman Sasibhushan Rath Mahasayo :—" May I know the cause of decline in the number of students year after year ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—" We expect more admissions."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi :—" Is there any explanation for the big fall in 1924–25 ? "

Sriman Sasibhushan Rath Mahasayo :—" In view of the answer that the lessons are taught to individual students, may I know whether there are any classes into which these are divided ? "

Sriman Sasibhushan Rath Mahasayo :—" In view of the fact that there has been a regular decline in the number of students, do Government think that any useful purpose would be served by retaining this institute ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai :—" We expect more students and therefore that question does not arise."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" What makes the hon. the Minister expect more students when their number has been steadily and rapidly falling ? "

Education.

Staff of the Government Victoria College, Palghat.

* 366 Q.—Rao Sahib P. V. Gopalan : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the services of the staff of the lower forms of the Government Victoria College at Palghat are lent to the Palghat municipality or permanently transferred ;

(b) the number and designation of officers thus lent or transferred ;

(c) whether the period of service in the municipality will be considered as Government service or municipal service ;

(d) whether their services are transferred to the municipality with or without their consent ; and

(e) whether they are entitled to any pension ?

A.—(a) The services of the staff employed in the Middle School department of the Government Victoria College, Palghat, have been temporarily transferred to the Municipal Council, Palghat, until such time as they can be absorbed in Government service elsewhere.

(b) Eight Secondary grade assistants, one Physical Training instructor, one Pandit and one Drawing master.

(c) Period of service under the municipal council will be reckoned as Government service.

(d) The Government are not aware that the teachers were against the transfer.

(e) Yes.

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I know whether it would not have been better that these assistants were consulted previously to give them an option of expressing their own opinions ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The answer is that they are not aware of teachers against the proposal."

Andhra University Bill.

* 367 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(i) with reference to the answer given to question No. 1324 on 3rd December 1924—

(a) whether the Government obtained the opinion of the University of Madras regarding the Andhra University Bill ;

(b) whether the Public Works Department has submitted plans of the sites required for the location of the University ;

(c) whether the Government have got plans and estimates for the construction of buildings necessary for the University ; and

(ii) whether the hon. the Minister will be pleased to place the papers on the table—

(a) the report of the special officer ;

(b) the opinion of the Madras University on the Andhra University Draft Bill ; and

(c) the reports of the Public Works Department officers ?

A.—(i) (a) Yes

(b) Site plans of possible sites for the location of the Engineering College and University offices were prepared.

(c) No.

(ii) (a) The report of the special officer has just been received. The question of its publication will be considered.

(b) The letter [a] from the Registrar of the University is placed on the table.

(c) The report of the Public Works Department officer has not been received.

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" Sir, with reference to clause (b) may I know with reference to what places site plans have been prepared ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" With reference to university centres."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 728 infra.